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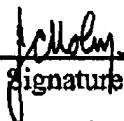
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Calculation of Total Chloride in Prior Art Document WO 96/15292 AI Examples 37-39

I enclose detailed calculations for total chloride levels in examples 37-39 of the above prior art document.

The solution composition of the above examples is:

CeCl ₃ .7H ₂ O	13.2g/l
MnCl ₂ .4H ₂ O	50ppm
CuCl ₂ .2H ₂ O	10ppm
HCl	To pH 2.0
H ₂ O ₂	1% v/v of a 30% w/w solution

The H₂O₂ contributes no chloride to the solutions and is omitted from the following calculations.

Some relevant relationships between the various measures of concentration are:

$$\text{Concentration (ppm)} = \text{Concentration (mg/l)} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Concentration (mg/l)} = \text{Concentration (g/l)} \times 1000 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Concentration (g/l)} = \text{Concentration (mol/l)} \times (\text{Molecular Weight}) \quad (3)$$

It is assumed that all metal chloride salts and the HCl are fully ionised in solution to the metal cations, H⁺ and Cl⁻. The concentrations are additive. Hence:

$$\text{Total Cl}^- \text{ concentration (mol/l)} = \{3 \times \text{Concentration (CeCl}_3.7\text{H}_2\text{O)}\} \text{ (mol/l)} + \{2 \times \text{Concentration (CuCl}_2.2\text{H}_2\text{O)}\} \text{ (mol/l)} + \{2 \times \text{Concentration (MnCl}_2.4\text{H}_2\text{O)}\} \text{ (mol/l)} + \{\text{Concentration HCl}\} \text{ (mol/l)} \quad (4)$$

It is also assumed that HCl has been added to the solutions to give a final pH of 2.0. Since the definition of pH is given as:

$$\text{pH} = -\log \{\text{Concentration (H}^+\text{)} \text{ (mol/l)}\} \quad (5)$$

It follows that:

$$\text{Concentration (H}^+\text{)} \text{ (mol/l)} = 10^{-\text{pH}} \quad (6)$$

At pH 2.0, the concentration of H⁺ = 10⁻² mol/l = 0.01 mol/l.

Since virtually all of the H⁺ (>>99%) will arise from the added HCl, rather than the metal salts, the concentration of HCl needed to achieve pH 2.0 will be very close to 0.01 mol/l. This will give rise to an equivalent contribution of Cl⁻ of 0.01 mol/l.

The Cl⁻ contributions in g/l may be calculated from the respective contributions in mol/l by:

$$\text{Cl}^- \text{ Concentration (g/l)} = \text{Cl}^- \text{ Concentration (mol/l)} \times \{\text{Atomic Weight of Chlorine}\} \quad (7)$$

The value for the atomic weight of chlorine is 35.453, taken from the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 61st Ed. Hence:

$$\text{Cl}^- \text{ Concentration (g/l)} = \text{Cl}^- \text{ Concentration (mol/l)} \times 35.453 \quad (8)$$

Using the above information, the table below summarises calculations for Cl^- concentrations in examples 37-39. The numbers in bold are the original data from which the other quantities have been calculated. Molecular weights were taken from the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics 61st Ed.

Table: Calculation of Chloride Concentrations in Examples 37-39, WO 96/15292 AI

Component	Concentration (mg/l) = ppm	Concentration (g/l)	Molecular Weight of Component	Concentration (mol/l)	Chloride Contribution (mol/l)	Chloride Contribution (g/l)	Chloride Contribution (mg/l) = ppm
$\text{CeCl}_3 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	13200	13.2	372.59	0.03543	0.10629	3.7683	3768.3
$\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	50	0.05	197.91	0.0002526	0.0005052	0.0179	17.9
$\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	10	0.01	170.47	0.00005866	0.0001173	0.0042	4.2
HCl	364.6	0.3646	36.46	0.01	0.01	0.3545	354.5
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.11691	4.1448	4144.8

From the table, it may be seen that the Cl^- contributions from the Mn and Cu salts is only 22.1 ppm. However, the major contribution comes from the cerium chloride, followed by the HCl. The total Cl^- concentration is over 4000ppm, well above the upper limit of Cl^- specified in the current application 09/988,579.

Yours sincerely

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